GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1647
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GAUGE CONVERSION OF QUILON-TIRUNELVELI-TIRUCHENDUR RAIL LINE
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the progress made regarding gauge conversion of Quilon- Tirunelveli- Tiruchendur Rail Line;

(b) whether no work has been taken up so far in Kerala stretch;

(c) If so, reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the conversion work of said rail line in Kerala is likely to be started and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (c) The earthwork and bridges on Virudhunagar- Tenkasj- Tirunelveli- Tiruchendur are in progress. Final location survey to ease gradient and sharp curves suiting for BG has been completed between Quilon and Punalur and is in progress on Punalur- Tenkasi section.

(d) The work is being progressed as per availability of resources. No target date has yet been fixed for completion of this project.